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THE BERLIN SQUEEZE

The Russians are in another slick maneuver to push the Western powers out of their sectors of Berlin. The latest move is Moscow's announcement that Russian troops would leave Berlin, turning that city over to the East German government of communist Premier Otto Grotewohl.

The Russians also announced, in a typical propaganda gesture, that the United States, Britain and France should do likewise, and withdraw their troops — since there is no longer any reason for their retention in Berlin. Actually, the United States has few troops in Berlin—only a token force and military policemen, the hard core of which is a regiment of tanks.

Anyone who remembers the last Berlin blockade realizes that it imposes a strain on every resident in Berlin. The thought of another Berlin crisis arises because the East Germans could very easily announce that they were halting supplies to Berlin through the eastern zone of Germany. The Russians could then say that they had nothing to do with it, and place Washington in an embarrassing position, because the United States does not recognize East Germany.

The U. S. Air Force today could supply Berlin by air, just as it did several years ago, in those grim days of the Berlin blockade. In fact, we have more aerial transport today, and a greater aerial capacity, than we did then.

We suspect that there will be no renewal of the blockade, but if there is, the United States must not be pushed out of Berlin or intimidated by East Germans. In that eventuality, we would have to resume the famous airlift. All of this, interestingly, is the result of our failure to retain our rights to run supply trains through East Germany, unhalted and unhampered.

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GROWING OLD

A recent analysis of achievements of four hundred famous men throughout history, men whose accomplishments came in the fields of politics, government, painting, military life, writing, and other categories, is highly encouraging to all those who think they are growing old.

The study revealed that more than one-third of the four hundred famous men achieved their greatest accomplishments after they passed the age of sixty. Another surprising twenty-three per cent scored their greatest success in life after they had passed the age of seventy.

In other words, more than half of the four hundred men achieved their fame after they were sixty or seventy years of age. Eight per cent of the four hundred men made their greatest mark i nlife after they had passed the age of eighty.

Putting it another way, those who hope to make immortal marks in the record of progress by the human race, are handicapped if they seek to do so before they are sixty years old. Of course, the four hundred men analyzed may not represent a true picture, but this is certainly indicative of the surprisingly large number of famous men who achieve their fame at somewhat advanced age.

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THE CANDIDATES SAY "NO"

A metropolitan newspaper recently quoted both Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and Senator John F. Kennedy as saying they had no present plans concerning the Democratic convention and a Presidential nomination in 1960.

Senator Johnson, of Texas, said that he was neutral in the 1960 race, and that he had no plans or ambitions regarding the nomination himself. He added that several of the Democratic candidates mentioned would make good men in the White House, although he said it was too early to start talking and playing politics about 1960 at the present time.

Senator Kennedy, from Massachusetts, told newsmen he was not seeking to line up delegates, that he did not intend to open a headquarters any time soon, and that h e had no plans to enter the 1960 Presidential primaries.

Thus the two men who are probably out front in the Democratic race are playing it colse to their chest.

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DECEMBER

December, the last month of 1958, rolls around. With it come happy anticipations of Christmas gatherings, holidays, which include New Year's Eve, and the wonders and ti ngle of winter and celebration, the children's wondrous world of Santa Claus, and—more important than anything else—observance of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

Who can forget his December, his Christmas memories? Who does not feel just a little nostalgia at the end of the year?

To Americans, December is the birthday anniversary month of Martin Van Buren, who was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., on December 5, 1782; the month that President Wilson arrived in France, in 1918; the month in which George Washington, the Father of his Country, died on December 14, 1799; the month of the Boston Tea Party, which occurred on December 16, 1773; the month in which the Wright Brothers first flew at Kitty Hawk, N. C., on December 17, 1903; and the month in which Woodrow Wilson was born, at Staunton, Va., on December 28, 1856.

Other months are more historic al for the United States than December, even though the Japanese attacked us on December 7, 1941.

The big meaning of December is Christmas-time, however. We hope that Christmas will not continue to be more and more exploited for financial reasons. We hope that the real meaning of this religious observance, and its true spirit, will be remembered by all Americans.

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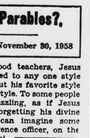
Why Parables?.

Lesson for November 30, 1958

LIKE all good teachers, Jesus was not tied to any one style of teaching. But his favorite style was the story style. To some people this seems puzzling, as if Jesus were almost forgetting his divine dignity. You can imagine some Roman intelligence officer, on the alert for suspiciously large gatherings of restless orientals, going down to the lakeside to hear what was going on that was attracting such large crowds. Or maybe only a traveling magician. But he would find neither. Only a man in a fisherman's boat, his great voice (for outdoor speakers in those days had to have tremendous voices) booming out over the crowd—of all things just telling stories. Very simple stories too, no plot to speak of, no dramatics. Just stories about farmers and wheat and housewives and fish . . . everyday things, harmless and (from the Roman's viewpoint) meaningless.



Dr. Foreman

For Simplicity

"So this is thair great Teacher!" the Roman would think to himself. "Well, he may be all right for farmers. There's surely no harm in him." The Roman would not realize that he was listening to the greatest teacher of all time, and that in those simple stories, or thumb-nail illustrations, which we call parables, were wrapped up ideas which were destined to change the world.

Why did Jesus choose the story style for his teaching? He could teach with parables, as for instance in parts of the sermon on the mount. But according to Mark, he never spoke without a parable somewhere in his talk. One reason why he did this was for simplicity's sake. The story reduces down a complicated idea, high-lights the heart of it. People who have difficulty following or remembering a lecture will remember a story.

For Survival

There are still on record the sermons of some of the rabbis who lived and taught about at the same time with Jesus. The are pretty impressive for their scholarship, their quotations from authorities, their ponderous correctness. But nobody would remember them. They are literally curiosities today, little more. Jesus' little stories on the other hand, are memorable. They have passed into the language and culture of many lands, they have inspired works of art, they comfort the grieving, rebuke the sinful, give a lift to weary hearts.

Strange things have happened to the human race, and will still happen. Our ancestors would find it hard to find their way around our electronic world, and lectures in our class-rooms would bewilder them. If Jesus had spoken in the learned terms of his day, his teachings would have been laid away in obscure libraries like the lectures of other teachers of that time. But speaking as he did, in story form, his teaching endures to this very day, and will be understood in the space-age of the future, if the world lasts so long. Lectures die; stories survive.

For Selection

You remember our imaginary Roman official who went off thinking what a stupid affair this storytelling was? That was part of Jesus' intention. The reader will notice that it was not the Roman officials, it was not the chief priests, it was the disciples, who stayed for an after-meeting and asked what Jesus meant by his parables. Jesus' main effort in teaching was to get at his own inner circle of followers. He wanted to stir their interest and curiosity, and at the same time let the careless, the indifferent, the hostile, go their way. The story style which he made his own, was just right for this purpose. The parables were like magnets that would attract only the men with true steel in them. The sophisticated, the know-it-alls, then and now, hearing or reading the parables, think only "What simple stuff!" But the people who are attracted by these tales and feel there is something beneath the surface, find in them a wisdom beyond this world. They are as clear as the night sky through which we see the glory of the stars.

Washington Notes

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To Make Navy Jets

The Navy has announced the award of contracts of more than $79,000,000 to the Douglas Aircraft division in El Segundo, Calif., for producing Skyhawk planes. The Skyhawk is the Navy's latest jet night attack plane, and can carry atomic weapons.

New Appointee

Roger G. Kennedy has been appointed director of theLabor Department's information office. The 32-year-old native of St. Paul is a former radio and television news man.

Taiwan Gets U. S. Loan

The United States and Nationalist China have signed final papers for a previously announced United States loan of $21,500,000 for a dam in Taiwan. The loan is repayable in Chinese currency over thirty-five years at 3½ per cent. Previously the United States had made an outright grant of $8,000,000 for the dam.

Price Hearings Due

The House-Senate Economic Committee announced recently that it would hold a final round of hearings Dec. 15-18 on the relationship of prices to the nation's economic stability and growth.

New Wheat Hybrids

Several new wheat-grass hybrids that offer the promise of better wheat and new crops for conservation and forage are being tested.

The hybrids are also long-lived, according to the report of the United States Department of Agriculture scientists.

Univac For University

The National Science Foundation has granted the University of North Carolina $500,000 to purchase a Univac 1105 computer to be used for basic research. The grant is the first in a series planned by the foundation to assist in establishment of basic research computer centers at twelve widely distributed regional areas throughout the United States.

Lack of Support

Sterling Coled, Director Gerenal of the International Atomic Energy Agency, has said that the United States policy was undermining the agency.

Mr. Cole said the organization which was proposed by President Eisenhower, could not achieve its objectives, or even continue to exist unless there was a change in policy by the United States and other nuclear powers to give more preferential treatment to the agency.

Air Force Scored

An Air Force inspector general has blamed faulty procurement policies for delays and excessive costs in the Air Force's development of a long-range missile, according to a recent disclosure made by House investigators.

Building Record Seen

Spending on new construction will rise 7 per cent next year to a record of $52,300,000,000, the Government has estimated. This will be based on a wave of home and highway building, it was said.

Expressway Woes

Grand Rapids, Mich.- Bernard Zevalkink had to sell his suburban Grand Rapids home last April to make way for a new expressway.

Before buying a new home, Zevalkink checked with State highway officials about other expressway plans. He said he was given a clearance on his property and bought it.

Recently the State disclosed plans for a new expressway. The new route lies right through Zevalkink's living room.

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Homemakers Items

Snacks can be nutritious as well as tasty and attractive.

Extension specialists point out that many mothers plan for snacks when shopping for regular meals. Others keep a good supply of snack foods on hand. This way children tend not to raid the refrigerator for food planned for meals.

Here are some of the suggestions:

For 6 to 8 servings of hot spiced tomato juice, heat 5 cups of tomato juice, add 2 beef bullon cubes and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat, stir in 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and 1-2 teaspoon worcestershire sauce. Serve piping hot in cups or mugs. To garnish, stick whole cloves in lemon or lime slices and put a slice in each cup.

To make peppermint milk shakes, scald 4 cups of milk in a double boiler. Add 1-2 cup crushed peppermint stick candy and stir or shake until the candy is dissolved. Chill and pour into glasses. Top with whipped light cream and sprinkle with crushed peppermint candy.

For fruit kabobs, string fresh, canned and-or dried fruits on metal or wooden skewers, or colored round toothpicks, or colored sticks. The fruits are not cooked after skewering. Choose at least two kinds of fruit with a pleasing contrast in color and flavor. Select fruits that are not soft and messy. Cut large fruits into bite-size chunks. Dip the cut surfaces of light-colored fruits in pineapple or citrus juice to prevent darkening. Use apricots, or small plums, dried apricots, figs or prunes, banana, canned peaches, dates, grapes, melon cubes, large seeded raisins, etc.

If you're not calorie counting, try french fried macaroni dunks. Prepare several different shapes of macaroni according to package directions. Drain well. Heat hydrogenated vegetable oil in deep fryer to 375°. Fry macaroni in small quantities until a golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper and sprinkle lemic salt, onion salt, grated Parmesan cheese or celery salt.

New Milk Concentrate

A "magic" milk concentrate that will keep indefinitely on the kitchen cupboard shelf and, when added to water, will instantly retransform into pure, fresh-tasting whole milk, has long been sought by the dairy industry.

Such a goal is now in sight, thanks to scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dry, whole milk flakes now being produced in the laboratory will keep two to three months at room temperature. Research will continue until a longer storage life is achieved and bulkiness of the milk flakes can be further reduced. A final problem will be to develop a low-cost industrial production process to replace present laboratory methods.

Consumption of Red Meats

Although the United States population ranks among the world's foremost meat-eaters, consumption per person of red meats is considerably less than in several other countries, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Argentine citizens, for example, ate their way through an average of 242 pounds per person last year, compared to 159 pounds per person in the United States.

New Zealanders averaged 229 pounds of red meat per person, and Australians followed with 221 pounds each. The people of Uruguay ate 168 pounds each last year.

Better Poultry Meal

Aging poultry at least 12 hours before freezing increases its tenderness, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture research. And birds aged before being cut up are more tender than those aged afterward. Scalding above 125° reduces tenderness.

Grandmother Only 29

Raindorf, Germany.- At the age of 29, Mrs. Gertrude Schmid has become a grandmother. Her married daughter, Gertrude, who is only 14, has given birth to a daughter. The daughter herself was born when Mrs. Schmid was only 15.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 25.- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill were recent visitors of Mrs. Lillie Garbee, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Mrs Florene Phelps visited in the home of Mrs. Walter Phelps on Friday evening. Mrs. Phelps was a week-end guest.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill over the week-end were Ernest Mann, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. J. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Billy Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill and Dannie, Mrs. Mildred Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr., and Wayne, and J. L. Thornhill.

Mrs. Joe Megginson and Josie, Mrs. John Torrence and Mrs. Don Thornhill and Donnie were visitors of Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds Saturday afternoon.

Ollie Wells, of Hampton, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wells.

History Repeats Itself

Joplin, Mo.- Last May, two cars collided on U. S. Route 166, near Joplin, Mo., causing some minor property damage.

Recently, the same cars crashed again at exactly the same spot. But this time David Parker, 11, and Sherry Griffon,, 3, were injured. The cars were driven by Mrs. Elnora Parker and Raymond Griffon.

Getting The Bird

London.- A mynah bird (a type of starling) got its owner in a lot of trouble because it couldn't keep its mouth shut. John Luttmer attended a six-hour hearing against the mynah and was fined nearly $125 because his talking bird made a noise like bawealing brakes, sang "Pop Goes the Weasel," and whistled at the girls.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, Route 1.- Mildred Ann, Howard Lee and Henry Ray Webber went to Mt. Comfort Church last Tuesday night to a Youth Meeting.

Mildred Ann, Howard Lee and Henry Ray Webber went to Lynchburg Wednesday night to the Christmas play.

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